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MATERIALS DIVISION MONTHLY REPORT

1 May 1958

TO : Chief, Materials Division

FROM : Chief, Nonferrous Metals and Minerals Branch

BRANCH: M/NF

Report for the Month of April 1958

I. Accomplishments

✓ A. Completed an Intelligence Memorandum entitled "Recent Developments in the Copper Trade of the USSR."

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[B. Completed M/NF [REDACTED] requirements for Rumania.

C. Completed the M/NF contribution to the Office-Wide project on Electric Power Consumption in the USSR.

E. Prepared a few comments on the USSR policy of secrecy regarding nonferrous operations for inclusion in a speech by Mr. Dulles.

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✓ F. Participated in the review of [REDACTED] program.

✓ G. Participated in the preparation of statement to the OCB on the significance of Bloc exports of aluminum, tin, gold, and other minerals to the Free World.

✓ H. Reviewed and commented on the ONE Draft of NIE 13-58 on Communist China.

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I. ^{Chief M/NF,} [REDACTED] traveled to Pittsburgh, Pa. and discussed with [REDACTED] the historical background of the Panel of Consultants on Nonferrous Metals and Minerals, reasons why the panel had been inactive, and the changed conditions that should result in a more frequent and effective use of the consultants.

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N. J. ^{M/NF} [REDACTED] participated in a discussion of the desirability of an exchange of graduate students in crystallography between the US and the USSR.

II. Program --- Nothing to reportIII. Administration

A. Staff additions -- Nothing to report

B. Branch structure -- Nothing to report

C. Training -- 25X1A9a 25X1A9a

1. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are enrolled in the ORR Course in Statistics. 25X1A9a

✓ 2. [REDACTED] attended the Conference of Industrialists on South and Southeast Asian Problems (9-10 April 1958) presented under the auspices of Johns Hopkins University. 25X1A9a

3. [REDACTED] is enrolled in an Agency course in German Reading.

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4. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], and [REDACTED] were taken on a tour of the Special Register, and the Map Library and were briefed by St/I.

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5. [REDACTED] completed the O/TR course in Basic Management.

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6. [REDACTED] is enrolled in an Agency course in Intermediate Russian Reading.

IV. Comments

At the Branch Chief's meeting of 21 February 1958 I suggested that D/M branches cooperate in scanning Russian language periodicals. I also reiterated this recommended in M/NF's monthly report for March 1958. Such cooperation could decrease the obvious duplication of effort in the current practice of each branch scanning all periodicals received. I also suggested that such cooperation might be effective at the ERA level as well. Inasmuch as no further word has been received as to the results of this suggestion, I assume that it has been forgotten. If so, I would like to make the suggestion again. If not, what steps are being taken to implement the suggestion? In the meantime we are still scanning a large number of Russian language periodicals each week.

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